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RE: Request to accept Maintenance fees per: 1.181
Patent # 5623978

June 19, 2012

Mr. Commissioner for Patents.

After having my company do business at our location for over 20 years the Minnesota Highway Department came and Eminent Domained us out of our business location to build a freeway. And they gave us 90 days to move—because they said they had dedicated funding that was to be spent. We ended up in three different locations because we could not find one location that we could afford and that could accommodate all of our operations: office, machine shop, warehouse, and processing. This disruption caused years of problems: employment, lost and placement of records and other paperwork Even though we had some of our costs reimbursed there were other costs such as lost sales because we were not able to do planned marketing which will never be able to recover. In addition to this move we lost paperwork, records, time, employees, & profits not reimbursed. Had we been left at our location we believe we could have had our paperwork in order and the maintenance fees taken care of.

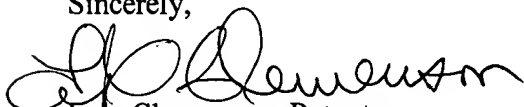
In addition to the above: being a small businessman, employing 15 to 20 full time employees, for the many years I spent and many hours working to apply for this patent and spending limited funds to make it work. Another important item is that should I sell my small business it would enhance its value.

In summation, had we not had the above take place we would have been more attentive to maintaining our paperwork and the necessary fees would have been paid.

I would be grateful your taking a look at this so I can continue having this patent.

Thank you for considering my petition.

Sincerely,



Lyle Clemenson, Patentee

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Enclosed: Personal check for \$200.00

Regarding: 1463 1.17(g) Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(g) (Group II)

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NOTICE OF NON-ACCEPTANCE OF PATENT MAINTENANCE FEE

REGARDING PATENT NUMBER: 5623978

PAYMENT STATUS:

Payment Amount Received: \$ 1,500.00
Payment Year 7.5 (e.g., 3.5, 7.5, 11.5)

Payment will be refunded electronically by EFT.

PAYMENT RECEIPT DATE 06/08/2012
(Mailroom Date Stamp)

Your payment was not accepted for the following reason(s):

- ☐ 1. The maintenance fee for the above-identified patent was previously paid on _____.
☐ Information regarding the previous payment is stated in item 8 below.
- ☒ 2. The patent expired on 04/29/2005. See "Patent Expiration" section below.
- ☐ 3. The fee was paid too early. See 37 CFR 1.366(b). Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.362(d), the payment window will open for the above-identified patent on _____.
- ☐ 4. Your payment was not sufficient to cover the maintenance fee and any required surcharge for the aboveidentified patent. An additional amount of \$ _____ is/was required.
- ☐ 5. The above-identified patent was reissued. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.366(d), the reissue patent number and reissue application number must be provided.
- ☐ 6. The payment did not include corresponding patent and application numbers, and was not specially accepted.
- ☐ 7. The above-identified patent is not subject to maintenance fees. No maintenance fees are due on utility patents filed before 12/11/80. No maintenance fees are due on design patents or on plant patents. See 37 CFR 1.362(a) and (b). (The "Resubmitting Maintenance Fee Payment" and "Patent Expiration" sections below do not apply.)
- ☐ 8. Other: _____.

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The six (6) month "grace period" for paying the maintenance fee for the aboveidentified patent begins on _____ and ends on _____. In addition to the maintenance fee of \$ _____, a resubmitted payment filed in the USPTO during the 6 month "grace period" is required to include a surcharge of \$ _____. (See "Note" at the bottom of this Notice.)

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